

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION

VARIANT HOLDINGS LLC, et al	
v.	NO. 2:11-CV-290-JRG
Z RESORTS LLC, ET AL.	CONSOLIDATED
VARIANT HOLDINGS, LLC, ET AL.	
v.	NO. 2:11-CV-422-JRG
AMERCO, ET AL.	CONSOLIDATED
VARIANT HOLDINGS, LLC, ET AL.	
V.	NO. 2:11-CV-427-JRG
HILTON HOTELS HOLDINGS; ET AL.	CONSOLIDATED

DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

In accordance with the scheduling conference held in this case, it is hereby ORDERED
that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

September 3, 2013 ¹	*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas
August 19, 2013	*Pretrial Conference – 11:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas

August 15, 2013	*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.
August 13, 2013	*File Joint Pretrial Order, Proposed Jury Instructions, Proposed Verdict Form, and Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i>
August 6, 2013	*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Susan Simmons, at lssimmons@yahoo.com.
July 30, 2013	File Motions <i>in Limine</i> The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
July 30, 2013	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
July 23, 2013	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
July 9, 2013	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
June 11, 2013	*File Dispositive Motions or Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions) No dispositive motion or motion to strike expert testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
June 11, 2013	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
May 21, 2013	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
April 22, 2013	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
April 22, 2013	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
April 16, 2013	*Deadline to File Letter Briefs Regarding Dispositive Motions
April 23, 2013	Deadline to Complete Mediation

April 16, 2013	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
March 26, 2013	*Claim Construction Hearing – 1:30 p.m. in Marshall, Texas
March 12, 2013	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
March 5, 2013	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
February 26, 2013	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
February 12, 2013	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)
February 12, 2013	Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.
January 29, 2013	Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
January 22, 2013	File Response to Amended Pleadings
January 8, 2013	*File Amended Pleadings It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
January 8, 2013	Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
December 11, 2012	Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
November 20, 2012	Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
October 24, 2012	Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)
October 5, 2012	Deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per paragraph 1 of the Discovery Order
September 26, 2012	Join Additional Parties
September 12, 2012	*File Proposed Docket Control Order, Proposed Discovery Order, and Proposed Protective Order
September 12, 2012	*File Notice of Mediator

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Mediator: The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

Summary Judgment Motions: Prior to filing any summary judgment motion, the parties must submit letter briefs seeking permission to file the motion. The opening letter brief in each of those matters shall be no longer than five (5) pages and shall be filed with the Court no later than the deadline for filing letter briefs. Answering letter briefs in each of those matters shall be no longer than five (5) pages and filed with the Court no later than fourteen (14) days thereafter. Reply briefs in each of those matters shall be no longer than three (3) pages and filed with the Court no later than five (5) days thereafter. The Court may decide the question on the submissions or hold a hearing or telephone conference to hear arguments and to determine whether the filing of any motion will be permitted. Letter briefs shall be filed without exhibits. Any requests to submit letter briefs after the deadlines outlined above must show good cause.


Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Form of the Pretrial Order and Pretrial Disclosures: The Court will issue a standing order governing the form of the pretrial order and pretrial disclosures at least four months prior to trial. The parties may obtain a copy of the order from the Court's website at that time.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 14th day of September, 2012.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE